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HER VERSION.

"Who is Ned?" Why, I thought that you knew
We once were engaged for a year!
Oh, but that was before I knew you—
That was ages ago, my dear.
"Over cordial!" Now, hubby, for shame!
Such nonsense! Yes, that was his wife—
Demure little thing—and so tame—
Men do make such blunders in life.
Ned was such a good-hearted fellow—
"Devoted?" of course he was then!
Oh, you need not frown and turn yellow,
I could have had a dozen men.
One thing I will say, however,
He's unhappy, that I can see;
Poor fellow! he probably never
Quite conquered his passion for me.
"Too poor?" Yes, but proud as a lord—
When you came—well, you know the rest—
Dear, you said you would take me abroad;
Yes, of course, I loved you the best!

HIS VERSION.

"Ned, who is that over-dressed lady
You greeted so warmly to-day?
What is it you're keeping so shady?
What is she to you, anyway?"
"That lady?—the wife of a banker
(Thought her toilet remarkably fine).
By the way, you ought to thank her,
She was once an old flame of mine.
I offered my 'congratulation,'
Nothing more—to tell you the truth,
Our affair—mere infatuation,
In the days of my callow youth.
'Was she fond of me?' Well, she said so.
'Did I love her?' We spooned for a year.
'Why didn't we marry?' Why you know
I met you, and loved you, my dear.
Of course, we all know that he bought her—
Youth and beauty exchanged for pelf!
What? 'If you weren't a rich man's daughter?'
My dear! I loved you for yourself!"

THE TRUTH ABOUT IT.

'Twas the old, old story repeated;
Two young hearts that once beat as one;
Their twin aspirations defeated;
Two young lives forever undone.
You think so? You're sadly mistaken!
They each had a—something to sell.
Each fancies the other forsaken,
And both, yes, they both "Married Well!"

NEEDLE AND THREAD.

"An old bachelor?" said Honora Maywood.

"That's what he told me, just in so many words," said Mrs. Pennypacker, who stood on the threshold of her best room, with her head tied up in a pocket handkerchief, and a hair broom in her hand, wherewith she gesticulated, after a tragic fashion, as she talked, while Miss Maywood, tall and slender as a wild lily, stood in the hall, with a roll of music under her arm, and her slight figure wrapped in a shabby shawl.

"And he's willing to pay me cash price every Sunday. Never attempted to beat me down a penny, if you'll believe it, my dear."

"Why should he?" said Honora.

"Most people do, my dear," said Mrs. Pennypacker. "A wrinkled old widow like me, who has her living to earn, is mostly fair game for everybody. But he never objected to my terms. A real gentleman, my dear—every inch of him. But he's a little particular I'm afraid."

"I suppose most old bachelors are," said Miss Maywood, smiling.

"Yes, my dear—yes," nodded Mrs. Pennypacker. "But this gentleman is beyond the average, I think."

"And if he is?"

"Nothing," said Mrs. Pennypacker, making a dab with her broom-handle at a stray moth miller which was fluttering blindly against the garnet damask window curtains; "nothing except that one don't know where to have him. He drinks only English breakfast tea, and he wants his pie crust made with the best Alderney butter, instead of lard, as good enough for other people; and he must have ventilators to all his windows, and an open grate instead of the base burning stove, and—I hope you'll not be offended, my dear—but he particularly dislikes a piano."

"Dislikes a piano?" said the little music teacher, reddening in spite of herself.

"And he says, says he: 'I hope Mrs. Pennypacker, that there is no piano in the house. A piano,' says he, 'plays the deuce with my nervous system, with its everlasting tum, tum!' These were his words, my dear. So I courtesies, and says I: 'You'll not be troubled with one here, sir.' And so, my dear, I'll be grateful if you won't mind doing your practicin' until he's out for his daily walk—from one to three, just as regular as the clock."

Miss Maywood looked piteously up into the landlady's face

"I will do anything to oblige you, Mrs. Pennypacker," she said earnestly. "I have not forgotten how much I am indebted to you both in actual money and in kindness, which money can never repay."

And her soft blue eyes filled with tears as she spoke.

"My dear, don't say a word," said Mrs. Pennypacker, hastily. "You've been sick and you've got a little behindhand, and its quite natural you should be low spirited now and then. But you musn't get discouraged. Things will look up after a while. And you are quite welcome to stay on here until you are able to settle up your little account."

Honora Maywood sighed as she thought how often her little advertisement had been inserted in the daily newspapers, without attracting the least notice from the world of patrons and pupils. There were so many "capable music teachers, willing to give lessons at moderate prices" nowadays and how was any one to know how sorely she needed the money?

And as time crept on and no pupils came Honora began to ask herself seriously whether she should go out in some menial capacity or stay genteelly at home and starve.

"Clothes, ma'am."

Honora started from her reverie as the washerwoman's stumpy little girl banged herself, like a human battering ram, up against the door, with a preposterously large basket on her arm.

"Yes," said Honora, coloring. "Put them down, Sally. But I—I'm afraid it isn't convenient to pay your mother to-day."

"Mother didn't say nothin' 'bout the pay," said Sally, wiping her forehead, with a whisk of her feet, sniffling herself nearly off her feet. "I was to leave the clothes, with her 'umble duty, and she 'oped they'd suit; but it was that damp on Monday and Tuesday as starch would not stick. And she 'opes you'll excuse all mistakes, as they'll be done better next time."

"I dare say they are quite right," said Honora, with a little sigh, as she marveled at this unexpected access of courtesy on the part of her Milesian laundress.

But when Sally had stamped off down stairs, her flapping slippers beating a sort of tattoo as she went, and Miss Maywood took off the fringed towel that covered the basket of clothes, she gave a little start.

"Shirts," said Honora, "and socks, and turn-over collars, No. 16, and great, big pocket handkerchiefs, like the sails of a ship, and white vests, and—goodness me! what does it all mean? Mrs. Mulvey has sent me some gentleman's wardrobe by mistake. I must send these back at once."

But then Miss Maywood looked down at the articles in grave consideration.

"I never had a brother," mused Miss Maywood; "and I can't remember my father; but of this I am quite certain, if I had either one or the other, I should thank a girl to mend their dilapidated wardrobes, if they looked like this. And Mrs. Mulvey can't send before night, and unfortunately I have nothing to do, so I'll just mend this poor young fellow's clothes, whoever he may be. A half-starved theological student, perhaps, training for the Polynesian Islands; or, perhaps, a newspaper reporter, or a pale clerk under the dazzling skylights of some dry goods palace. At all events, he's worse off than I am, for he can't mend his own clothes, and I can."

And the smiles dimpled around Honora Maywood's little rosebud of a mouth as she sat down to darn holes, sew on tapes, and insert patches.

"He'll never know who did it," said Honora to herself, "but I dare say he'll be thankful; and if one can get a chance to do a little good in this world, one ought not to grudge one's time and trouble."

And as Honora stitched away she mused sadly whether or not she ought to accept a position which had offered itself as assistant matron in an orphan asylum, where the work would be almost unendurable, and the pay next to nothing, with no Sundays or holidays, and a ladies' committee, consisting of three starched old maids, to "sit" on her the first Friday of every month.

"I almost think I'd rather starve," said Honora. "But, dear me! starving is a serious business, when one comes to consider it face to face."

Sally Mulvey came back puffing and blowing like a human whale in about two hours.

"Mother says she's sent the wrong basket," said she, breathlessly.

"I thought it very probable, Sally," said Miss Maywood.

"And mother's compliments," added Sally, "and she can't undertake your things no longer, Miss Maywood, 'cause she does a cash business, and there ain't nothing been paid on your account since last June."

Honora felt herself turning scarlet.

"I am very sorry, Sally. Tell your mother I will settle my bill as soon as I possibly can."

Sally flounced out of the room red and indignant, like an overcharged thunder cloud, and poor little Honora, dropping her head into her hands, burst into tears.

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"Pretty girl, that—very pretty," said Mr. Broderick, the old bachelor, to his landlady.

"Do you mean—"

"I mean the young lady boarder of yours that I see on the stairs now and then," said Mr. Broderick. "Nice figure—big, soft eyes, like a gazelle. Didn't some one tell me she was a music teacher?"

"That's her profession," Mrs. Pennypacker. "But there ain't many pupils as wants tuition, and, poor little dear, she has but a hard time of it."

"Humph!" grunted Mr. Broderick. "What fools women are to have a regular profession. If I had a daughter I'd bring her up a self-supporting institution."

And Mr. Broderick disappeared into his room, in the midst whereof stood a girl with flapping slippers, a portentous shawl and bonnet, which had originally been manufactured for a woman twice her size.

"Who are you?" demanded Mr. Broderick.

"Please, sir, I'm Sally—the washerwoman's Sally!" was the response.

"And what do you want here?" said Mr. Broderick.

"Please, sir, I've come to bring your things," said Sally, chattering off her lesson like a parrot. "And, please, sir, her 'umble duty, and she 'opes they'll suit, it was that damp and muggy Monday and Tuesday, as starch wouldn't stick; and she 'opes you'll excuse all mistakes, as they shall be done better next time, sir—please, sir."

"Who mended 'am?" demanded Mr. Broderick, whose hawk eye had already caught sight of the dainty needlework upon his garments.

"Nobody mended 'em," said Sally. "And mother says it's easy to see as the new gent is a bachelor, on account of the holes in his heels and toes, and strings off his dickeys."

"I can tell you who mended 'em," said Mrs. Pennypacker, "for I see her at it, the pritty Miss Maywood! And says she, 'I don't know whose they are, Mrs. Pennypacker; but,' says she, 'they need mending, and a kind action never comes amiss.' No more it does, sir, Lord bless her!"

"Humph!" said Mr. Broderick. "She's right—no more it does. And she's a regular scientist at the needle, is Miss Maywood. Just look at that patch, Mrs. Pennypacker! 'Euclid's geometry' couldn't produce a straighter line or truer angles. See the toe of that stocking! It's like a piece of Gobelin tapestry. That's the way I like to see things done!"

And Mr. Broderick never rested until he had been formally introduced to Honora Maywood, and he thanked her with equal formality for the good office she had unwittingly rendered him.

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It was a golden October evening that Honora came down into the kitchen, where Mrs. Pennypacker was baking pies for her eccentric boarder, with the crusts made of the best Alderney butter instead of lard.

"Oh, dear! oh, dear!" said Mrs. Pennypacker, "what a thing it is to be an old bachelor."

"He won't be a bachelor much longer," said Honora, laughing and coloring as she laid her cheek on the good lady's cushioning shoulder.

"What do you mean?" said Mr. Pennypacker.

"He has asked me to marry him," said Honora, "after only two weeks acquaintance. He says that a girl who can mend stockings as I do needs no other test. And he says he loves me; and—and"

"Well?"

"I almost think I love him!" whispered Miss Maywood.

And so the problem of Honora's solitary life was solved, all through the magic influence of "Needle and Thread."

Truthful Colored George.

The Macon (Ga.) *Telegraph* tells the following story:—"My neighbor Odum was in the habit of leaving his large cotton baskets in the field at night. These baskets were at the end of the rows and near the public road. One night he left seven of these baskets in the field. Next morning two or three of them were missing. It had rained the night before, and it was not difficult to follow the track of a one-horse wagon that had evidently carried away the baskets. Mr. Odum, with a trusty negro, who was also interested in the cotton, pursued, following the track without difficulty till it brought them to the humble residence of George Washington, a colored citizen, where they found cotton spread out upon the floor, and wet—evidently but recently placed there. The man and his wife denied that it had been stolen; and said it was their own cotton, and so far it seemed not possible to identify the cotton. However, they secured George and then continued to follow the wagon to beyond the house about half a mile in the woods, where they found the wagon and the empty baskets. This was too much for the namesake of the immortal patriot. He owned up, and said: 'Gentlemen, I can't tell a lie—I stoled dat cotton. I couldn't help it. It warn't my fault. It was Mr. Odum's fault. He had no business to put dat cotton so fare to be took. I can't tell no lie 'bout it. I toook dat cotton, and the only thing dat troubled me at the time was dat my wagon wasn't big enough to take all dem baskets. I'd took all seven if I had done had room in dat one-horse wagon. It was Mr. Odum's fault.'"

Woman Suffrage.

On the subject of woman suffrage, Gov. Butler, of Massachusetts, in his inaugural message says: "For myself I believe that that right is given them by the constitution of the United States. By the decision of the courts I am overruled in my action on this subject, but not in my convictions. It is an experiment in our government which has never been here practically tried, for although women are allowed to vote for a single class of municipal officers, yet there are so many restrictions and impediments thrown around it, that no woman with a proper spirit of self-respect, ought to allow herself to pass through the ordeal to attain a useless privilege." He suggests that election day be made a holiday, and that local elections throughout the State be so arranged that all will fall on the same day as the general election. On the subject of naturalization he advocates that every judge of a district or municipal court have the power to issue certificates of naturalization, and is in favor of confining it even to them, for they as neighbors are better able to decide from knowledge whether the facts are true in the application. It will relieve the dockets of the higher courts: and in closing on the topic he adds that all the systematic frauds in naturalization alleged and proved in a neighboring State were done in the superior courts of that State.

A CERTAIN Sunday-school teacher was in the habit of making a collection in his juvenile class for missionary objects every Sunday, and his box received stores of pennies which might otherwise have found their way to the drawers of the confectioner and toy-man. He was not a little surprised, however, one Sunday, to find a country note crushed in among the weight of copper. He was not long in finding it to be of a broken bank, and on asking the class who put it there, the donor was soon pointed out by his mates, who had seen him deposit it, and thought it a very benevolent gift. 'Didn't you know that this note was good for nothing?' said the teacher. "Yes," answered the boy. "Then what did you put it in the box for?" "I didn't s'pose the little heathen would know the difference, and thought it would be just as good for them."

IT OUGHT to be a cold day when summer gets left.—*New Orleans Picayune.*

THE JEALOUS MAN.

How Jones Discovered His Christmas Present, and the Good it Did Him.

Peace, like a white-winged dove, has lately brooded over the Jones family; but one day last week the demon of discord entered most unexpectedly. Jones was getting ready to go down town in the morning, and in looking for a handkerchief in the family bureau found a drawer that resisted him—in fact it was locked, a most unheard-of thing in that family.

At first it only made Jones mad, because the resistance threw him across the room, and bounced him up against a chiffonier on the other side, but when he regained consciousness he called Maria and asked her with white, calm lips, where the key was.

She said it was in her pocket. He demanded it. She refused to give it to him; and then ensued one of those painful domestic silences which are so much more harrowing than words or blows. Jones went out and came in for three days, and sulked during the whole time, for an awful suspicion had taken possession of him. He remembered that Maria had been distraught and mysterious lately, with a glassy look in her eyes. He recalled the fact that several times the door-bell had rung in the evening and she had evaded his inquiry as to who was there. He knew the evil tendency of the age and shuddered at the idea that Maria had met a handsomer man than he.

Green-eyed jealousy took possession of his soul and ate and ate into his heart like a canker.

But all things come to an end. One night Mrs. Jones went out, and as she tripped past the parlor door she looked in and said: "Jeptha, if you hear the baby gurgle I wish you'd look at him."

That was his opportunity—now or never. He crept softly upstairs and entered the peaceful room where their child was sleeping and turned the gas down to the merest glimmer; then he stealthily produced a key and fitted it into the lock of that drawer and pulled it silently open, and there lay before him the picture of that other man—Oh, no! but a pair of slippers embroidered in red, green, and yellow with a terra-cotta "J. J." in a wreath of eglantine on each toe and a "Merry Christmas" card tacked to the pair. Poor Jones! this was even worse than he expected. It is enough to break up any man to thrust a pair of embroidered slippers upon him, and as he stood and looked and shivered and realized that the things were four inches too short, and had soft heels, he saw a paper sticking up curiously on one side. It was addressed in a man's handwriting to Mrs. Jones. Ha! ha! this, then, was a clew!

It was; it was the bill from the man who sold the shoes, and it included one for the velvet and another for the embroidery, and Jones was trying to foot the matter up to his satisfaction when a tremendous blow fell on his head and a fearful howl rent the air as Bridget shrieked:

"Ow, ye mizzable, thieven, marandin' blaggard, I'll tache ye to stale into decent people's houses—oh, howly Moses! it's the master himself, bad cess to him. How was I to tell him from eny other thafe?"

Jones patched up a peace with Bridget, who promised not to say "divil a wurrd" to Mrs. J., but oh, with what a weary heart does the unhappy man wait for the coming Christmas!—*Detroit Post.*

The Cleverdale Mystery.

The New York *Hour* gives us the plot of the new political novel, "Cleverdale," as follows: The romance hero of the story is George Alden, clerk in the Cleverdale Bank; the political hero, or demon, is Hon. Darius Hamblin, President of the bank and of a large woolen mill, member of the State Senate and aspirant to the Governorship. Alden loves Hamblin's daughter, Belle, but the Senator intends to use the young lady as he has used his money, social position and everything else, for the furtherance of his political schemes. Mr. Walter Mannis, a brilliant member of the Assembly and reputed rich, is desired by the Senator as son-in-law, and as Mannis is quite willing to accept the position, the Senator gets rid of Alden by hiring a recent political servitor to falsify Alden's accounts at the bank. The trick is not entirely to the Senator's taste, hardened politician though he is, for Alden had distinguished himself by saving some lives during a disastrous fire at the mill, injuring himself terribly by the operation; but political schemes must be effected though the heavens fall, so Alden disappears, an alleged defaulter. Even the young lady's affections cling to him, so Mannis, who is desperately in love with the girl and the father's supposed wealth, robs a grave and dresses the body in an old suit of Alden's clothes. The body is found, the heart-broken girl consents to marry Mannis, but Alden, of course, returns in the nick of time to forbid the bans, the old father relents and all ends happily.

HOW THINGS MIX UP.—Chief Shaw, of the London Fire Department, when in this country a few months ago, expressed the opinion that such big fires as we have in New York would be impossible in London, because of the superiority of the fire service in the latter city. A few weeks after his return home London was visited by a $15,000,000 fire. Two or three days before that fire broke out the St. Louis newspapers published a letter from Chief Shaw, in which the writer spoke in terms of highest praise of the St. Louis Fire Department, and particularly commended the firemen for the celerity of their movements. Now the underwriters of St. Louis have demanded the removal of the chief of the department for alleged incompetency.

SECRETS OF THE CIRCUS.

Interesting Talk with a Gymnast—How the Perpendicular Leap is Performed.

Lulu, the gymnast has been interviewed by a reporter and gives us a little sketch of his exploits. Lulu it is known, appeared for a number of years as a female and was so believed to be. He says:—"My sex was always a matter of speculation, but my appearance was in favor of the theory that I was a woman; and no one could assert that I was not. When I was younger my face was of an essentially feminine type. I maintained my disguise under all circumstances; even my intimate acquaintances were deceived. My hair, which was very light, was allowed to grow long, and was put up in curl papers every night, as regularly as the locks of the most finical maiden. My dresses were marvels of art and—if I may say it—the envy of women. I received all sorts of attentions from men. No favorite equestrienne ever received more notes or flowers. Once I was asked to act as bridesmaid at a wedding, and as I could not refuse, I went through the ceremony, blushing when it was proper and looking demure and sorry just at the right moments. But the greatest trial I ever had was in fighting off a German baron who wanted to marry me. He attended my performances night after night, sent me flowers and messages and made use of every opportunity he could to express his devotion. He followed me from town to town, and it was with difficulty that I got rid of his attentions at last."

"How was your perpendicular leap made?"

"By means of a mechanical device," replied the gymnast, twirling his moustache. "It is necessary to have innovations in all forms of amusement. The world grows tired of old tricks. I stood in full view of the spectators on an iron plate about a foot in diameter, which was attached to a spindle running down through a frame-work. This spindle was thrown up a distance of seven feet above the stage by means of rubber springs, carrying the plate with it. The springs were powerful enough to send my body through the air like a shot. Another set of rubber bands jerked the spindle back as quickly as it shot out, so that the motion both ways was too quick for sight. On reaching my distance I caught hold of ropes.

"It was necessary to pose my body so that it would be in line with the median line of the spindle. Otherwise I would receive a severe shock, be thrown in the wrong direction and miss the ropes. The least delay in releasing the spring after the signal is given increases the danger.

"One night at Dublin the machine was imperfect and the spring became released before I was ready, trowing me on my head and shoulders in the ochestra circle. There was a great uproar in the house. When they carried me out they thought I was dead. This performance is so dangerous, in fact, that no other gymnast has ever undertaken it."

"What sensations do you experience?"

"I feel as if the earth had suddenly fallen from under me. But there is really no time for thought. I am at the ropes in an instant."

"How are you able to grasp the ropes?"

"By instinct. I can see nothing."

"What induced you to give up this performance?"

"I grew too stout. One day my body was almost telescoped by the shock. I then set to work to devise a machine that would enable me to distribute the force over my whole body. The result was, the catapult, after several months spent in making experiments. An iron plane about fifteen feet long is suspended on an axle on a slight angle. Rubber springs are made to act so as to throw the plane forward suddenly into a position nearly perpendicular. This movement throws my body, which is lying at full length at the upper end of the plane, so that I describe an arc and alight in a net about sixteen feet from the machine. My first performance on the catapult was given three years ago at Blackpool, England.

"I was nearly killed two or three times, although I had experimented for months with weights and stuffed figures, I could not tell how far the machine would throw me or in what position I would alight. The first time I was thrown I lost all sense of what I was doing or where I was going. I was utterly helpless and came down into the net on my head and face. My head was so cut and bruised that my hair came out in bunches."

Buying a Florida Curiosity.

A man from North Billerica, Mass., bought a piece of wild land near Lake Hickpochee, Florida, because of a wonderful natural curiosity which the land agent pointed out to him. It was a palmetto log wedged in the branches of a water oak, twenty feet from the ground. The purchaser moved upon the place, and spent his time between meals and grubbing roots in wondering at the log in the tree. One day last week he solved the problem. It rained as it rains only in the Everglades, turning a flood of water from the saw grass region down into Lake Hickpochee, and his neighbors heard him shouting three miles away. He hallooed all night long, and the next morning they went over in a boat and borught him out. He was sitting on the top of the tree with his feet in the water, and with a long pole, was keeping off floating palmetto logs that were endangering his seat by wedging themselves in among the branches. The land agent thinks he can sell the place for him [illegible] a profit when the water goes down, [illegible] the flood does not ruin the curio[illegible]

T[illegible]ish Army.—The Irish in the Bri[illegible]y are slightly more than one-tw[illegible]he entire force.

Policy Gambling.

There is probably as much money spent in our large cities in policy gambling, as there is in bread. Some men are so infatuated with the swindle that they deprive themselves and their families of the necessaries of life to satisfy their propensities in a wickedly foolish direction. A policy man describes the chances for striking a prize as follows:

"Has any one ever computed the chances of the policy buyer, asked the reporter?"

"Yes. In the seventy-eight numbers in the wheel there are 76,076, 'gigs' or combinations of threes."

"Then when a man selects a 'gig' and pays ten cents for it, he stands one chance in 76,076 of winning $20?"

"Precisely."

"And in case one of each possible 'gig' were bought the receipts would be $7,607.60?"

"Correct again!"

"Then, on the principle of even chances, a man might 'blow in' $7,607.60, ten cents at a time, and then draw out $20?"

"Go to the head!"

"Did you ever know of lightning striking any one in a policy shop?"

"Well, very seldom."

"Or of a head office failing in business?"

"Never!"

Ostrich Farming.

A Nevada paper says: A lot of twenty-two ostriches passed through to California the other night. They constitute the "plant" of an experiment about to be made in what is called "ostrich farming," but which, according to Pacific Coast notions and the business itself, should be called ostrich ranching. We are of the opinion that the ostrich will live and multiply in many places in Southern California, Arizona, and New Mexico, but doubt the profitableness of ostrich ranching. It is about like the business of breeding camels. Camels do well in Nevada, increasing about as rapidly as any other kind of stock, but no one appears to know what to do with them. A lot taken from this section of the State to the desert regions to the southward for use in packing and prospecting, proved of so little value that they were turned loose to shift for themselves, and are now breeding and running wild up toward the head-waters of the Gila River.

It will probably be the same with the ostriches. After the experiment of herding them on a ranche has proved a failure, some of the birds will be allowed to shift for themselves and will thus stock the wilds of Arizona, New Mexico, and other regions in that direction.

A Rat Plague.

Paris is just now suffering acutely from an invasion of rats. When the Seine rose during the recent floods it drove the rat from his comfortable home in the sewer. The ejected army of rats has billeted itself in more comfortable winter quarters, in the Rue Dauphine, in the Rue de Bac, the Rue des Saints-Peres, for instance, taking possession with the greatest coolness, and maintaining strict military order, as if in obedience to a common general. The houses on the river banks they have avoided, keeping well to the boulevards. Some of the host are said to be enormous in size, as big as cats, says one chronicler, of unparalleled audacity, and with teeth long enough and sharp enough to take a piece clean out of a Deputy's leg with impunity. They turn up in all sorts of odd places—in boots, trousers, petticoats, boxes, drawers—and one virtuous *bonne* nearly died from the shock when she surprised an enterprising rodent in her bed. They are not to have it all their own way, however, for an opposing array of all the available dogs and cats is being levied, and the cafes are ringing with the feats of the various champions.

Madagascar.

The London *Economist* says: "Though Englishmen may regret keenly the conquest of Madagascar by France, it is not their duty or their business to prevent it in the only possible way—by insisting, at any risk, that the conquest shall not be attempted. Let the French get a bit of the tropical world if they can." Possibly in this friendly speech the *Economist* is influenced by the fact that the attempt of France to subjugate Madagascar would be likely to involve her in trouble and expense at least as serious as that which Holland has found in Acheen. In a roadless, rugged country, made for ambushes, and where European troops would be subject to the utmost peril from exposure to intense heat and noisome swamps, loss would make a very heavy account against gain. The metropolis of the Hovas, the chief tribe, is 200 miles from the capital, and is known to have been left roadless with an eye to the present contingency. European travelers and rich natives go by palanquin.

A CERTAIN lawyer of New York, well known for his powers of repartee, had been down to Salina to try a case. Returning to town the conductor was very impertinent in his manner because the lawyer was rather tardy in producing his ticket when called for to be punched. Somewhat ruffled, the lawyer remarked to a friend next to him: "The Southern Pacific shall never see a cent of my money after this." "Going to foot it up and down from now on, eh?" sneered the conductor. "Oh, no," replied the lawyer, quietly: "Instead of buying my ticket at the office I shall pay my fare to you."

THE CHAIN GANG.—Of sixty-one prisoners working out fines in the chain gang on the streets of Atlanta, Ga., twenty-seven are women.

A FEW STRAY JOKES.

WHAT WE FIND IN THE HUMOROUS PAPERS.

A Bad Habit—The Baby's Adventure—A Sad Christmas Eve., Etc.

A BAD HABIT.

The habit some bold, bad men have of going out between acts at the theatre to some quiet, secluded spot where they can be alone to commune with nature and eat a clove, received a set back in Des Moines, Iowa, the other evening. A gentleman residing in the city went to the play in the evening and took with him his little five-year-old boy. Between a couple of acts the man left his little boy on the seat alone and went out to "see a man" just a moment. When he came in he was surprised, as were those who sat near him, to hear the little boy ask: "Where you been, pa, out to get a drink?" The father sat down and his face turned red and he was sorry he had gone out. The little boy had heard, probably, of men going out between acts for a drink and he playfully asked his father if he had been out to get a drink. The man was, probably, one of these jolly, good natured fellows, who occasionally take something just for sociability's sake, and thinking he could meet some of his friends out at the bar and enjoy a social drink with them, he took his usual trip in that direction. But the little five-year old had caught on, and the boy, whose father would not have grow up a drunkard, or even knowing that his father ever drank a drop for all the world, had tumbled to the fact that generally when men go out between acts it is to get a drink. Fathers little think how in many ways they can set a bad example before their little ones, who will early learn what it is to go out between acts with the boys.—*Peck's Sun.*

JOHN HEATHCOTE'S SAD CHRISTMAS EVE.

"Mamie is dying."

These were the words that the telegraph-key clicked out upon the silence that had fallen upon the station of which John Heathcote was in charge. It was Christmas eve, and for nearly four hours the man had sat there, the only occupant of the little room in which his business as telegraph operator and depot-master was transacted. He had listened in a mechanical sort of way to the messages that were flashing over the wires—orders concerning the movements of trains, brief commercial messages, telling in terse language the state of the markets in all parts of the world, Christmas greetings from friends and relatives who sought to make separation less painful by an interchange of kindly words and sentiments—and in the midst of them all came those three words to his office—three little words that meant sorrow and desolate hearts in some household on the morrow, that day when peace, and joy, and good-will should reign everywhere supreme. And so, as John Heathcote placed the message in in envelope and sent it by his office-boy to an address with which he was not familiar, there was, perhaps, the suspicion of a tear glistening in his honest eye, and mayhap the hand that penned the address trembled a little, for he had wife and children of his own, had John Heathcote, and it came to him with awful force how cheerless his life would be were one of the little pairs of arms that each morning twined so lovingly around his neck to be folded across a heart that was stilled forever, and the deep brown eyes to be closed in the dreamless sleep of death. And while he was still thinking there came again the nervous click of the instrument, and as he answered the call he felt instinctively that the message he was to receive would bring more bad news. And he was right.

"Mamie is dead; I will be home in the morning," were the words that came to him over the wires, and then the tears in honest John Heathcote's eyes were plain enough, and he was not ashamed that he had wept at the sorrows of people all unknown to him.

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When the morning train from the West came thundering into the little town where John Heathcote lived, he was standing upon the platform. His hours of duty had ended some time before, but he could not bear to leave until he had seen the man whose name was signed to the dispatches of the previous night. A sleigh had come to the depot, and the driver had said incidentally that he was to meet Mr. Jones. When the train arrived, a weary-looking man stepped from one of the cars, and the driver of the sleigh approached him. John Heathcote was standing within a few feet of them.

"Good morning, Mr. Jones," said the driver.

"Good morning, John."

"So Mamie is dead?" asked the man.

"Yes," was the reply, in low, agonized tones; "and she would have beaten 2:30 next season."

John Heathcote went away.

THE BABY'S ADVENTURE.

The farmer and his wife came riding into town the other day in a big two-horse wagon, and the woman carried in her arms a baby wrapped up in an old bed quilt. As there was a good deal more bed quilt than baby, the little one slipped out and tumbled unhurt into a soft place in the street, and the couple jogged on serenely unconscious that anything was wrong until a bevy of small boys chased after them yelling:

"Say, mister, you have lost something."

"Don't look round," said the woman, nudging her husband. "It's them city boys, and they allus act jest so."

"S-a-y! missis, be this yours!" shouted the boys in chorus.

"Hain't you dropped nothin', Sue?" inquired the farmer, anxiously.

"No, I haven't," answered his wife. "This ain't the fust of April, is it? It's just them city young uns up to their tricks," she continued, shifting the bed quilt a little; then she felt its emptiness. "Lord a massy where's the baby gone to?"

They both looked back and then saw a crowd of boys swarming at the end of the wagon, and in their midst a happy, dusty baby, delighted with the situation. It didn't take them long to recover the youngster, and, wrapping it more securely in its patchwork, they jogged on again.—*Detroit Free Press.*

A BRIDEGROOM'S MISTAKE.

The Fall River *News* tells this story: Within a few weeks a young man well known in this city, was married to the lady of his choice. He loved her dearly, and determined to pay the minister liberally for the service that united two hearts that beat as one. When he put on his wedding clothes, he counted out one roll of bills for the minister and another to pay the expenses of the wedding trip. After the ceremony he thanked the good clergyman in fitting terms and handed him a roll of bills, but, alas, the wrong roll. The minister, on his return to his home, was surprised at the munificence of his fee, but, "fortunately, being an honest man," he hastened to the depot, and succeeded in arriving there before the train with the young couple left, exchanged the wedding trip money for the intended fee, and received the thanks of a confused but grateful husband.

THE BULLETS.

"Shay, officer, what I want to know is where are the bullets?" asked a well-dressed young man in Union square, New York, not long since.

"Ah, go on; go on," said the policeman.

"No, shir; I will not go on. In fact, I mosht respectfully refuse to go on until yo repiy to my question. What becomes of the bullets? old fel; that's what I want to know."

"What in thunder are you talking about?"

"That's not a respectful manner of treating a citizen, but I'll over'ook it, old fel, this time. I want to know—you shee every New Year's night or mornin' everybody blows a horn, rings a bell, or fires a pish—pish—revolver. Now, what I want to know is, What becomes of the bullets? They go up in the air, don't they, and they must come down mu'sn't they?"

A CURE FOR THE STAGE STRUCK.

"Have you ever any odd applications for places in your company Mr. Backus?" asked the reporter of the famous comedian, now turning gray, but still humorous as ever.

"I have," he replied.

"Will you describe it?"

"An aristocratic lady in a coach drawn by blooded horses drove up in front of my theatre one day. She lived in Fifth avenue, and was very wealthy. She inquired for my office, and then went up to it. I said 'Good day, madame.' She said, 'Good-day, Mr. Backus, I've come to see you about my son, our only child. We don't know what to do with him. He gets drunk, comes home and kicks in the doors, fights roosters, goes to rat-pits and to see pugilists fight. Now he forgets his father's name. We don't care what becomes of him, so I guess we'll have him to join your company.'

"Well, madame," said Mr. Backus. "I would advise you to take him to Harry Hill's, to race courses, to the Madison Square Garden, to Saratoga and Boston. Show him the Bunker Hill Monument. Take him to the top of the monument."

"Well, Mr. Backus, and what shall I do with him then?"

"Throw him off."—*N. Y. Journal.*

TEXAS SIFTINGS.

MRS. LANGTRY is described to be a well-built woman. The inference is that she has an alabaster neck, marble brow and an arch expression.

WHEN you read in the newspapers that a politician is brilliant and erratic, it means that he can't let whisky alone.

THE great dome of the Capitol at Washington is being painted. The whitewashing is done underneath, on the first floor, by the committees appointed for that purpose.

A NEW YORK divorce lawyer's advertisement reads: "Hymenial incompatibilities, as a specialty, carefully adjusted. 'Tis slavery to detain the hand after the heart hath fled."

A SILK blanket for a New York poodle costs $16. There seems to be no store in New York where the owner of the poodle can buy a few ounces of brains for his own private use.

GREAT things are expected from the newly elected officials all over the country, but the general experience of the people is similar to that of the lady who paid $5 a dozen for Cochin China eggs, but when she came to look into the nest, she discovered that they had hatched out Muscovy ducks.

A SICK man was advised to go to a doctor for advice. The doctor happened to be a very thin, spare man, so when the invalid saw him, he refused to take any advice from him, remarking: "Why you look to be a confounded sight worse than I am."

A TEXAS editor, an entire page of whose paper was taken up with the advertisement of a marriage aid association, for which he never received a cent, says he did not mind losing the money but the statement of the assignee that the failure of the association was due to extravagant advertising is what made him, the editor, mad.

S. S. M., West Elmira, N. Y., inquires of us: "How should verbenas and caladiums be kept during the winter?" They should be wrapped in Finlandese redingote, a sealskin sacque, and a pair of brown overalls; then they should be kept secret. They should also be kept out of the cold, and sewed up with cinnamon and a slight flavor of garlic.—*Puck.*

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4.	Cheese,	16
5.	Eggs,	30
6.	Meal,	1 80
7.	Shorts, per 100 lbs.,	1 40
8.	Flour, best St. Louis,	6 50
9.	Beans, bush.,	3 50
10.	Cod fish, per lb.,	7
11.	Potatoes, bush.,	70
12.	Dried apple, per lb.,	08
13.	Lard,	16
14.	Pork,	14
15.	Maple sugar,	20
16.	Vinegar,	18
17.	Tea,	45 to 62
18.	Coffee, best Java,	30
19.	Soda,	06
20.	St. Johnsbury crackers	12
21.	Kerosene oil, gal.,	17
22.	Chicken, per lb.,	18
23.	Turkey,	15
24.	Old hen,	12 1-2
25.	Honey,	25

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ASHLAND ALLECATIONS.

Fred J. Collins has been in town this week.

Several here tried their luck at pickeral fishing.

Mrs. Horatio Cotton has been very sick this week.

Earl P. Harrington is driving teams for J. B. Carr.

Charles Sanborn has been hauling oak to the depot this week.

Thomas N. Hughes has been getting out keels for parties in Boston.

Norman W. Fogg of West Milan, N. H. is clerking for Pollard, Hardy & Smythe.

It is reported that Dr. Gary has sold his practice here to Dr. Spaulding of Wilmot, N. H.

F. E. Flanders, D. P. Calley, S. C. Shepard, J. F. Maynard went to Elbow Pond fishing last Tuesday.

J. F. Draper, of the firm of J. F. Draper & Co., has been very ill this week at his home at Glove Hollow.

Ed. McSweeney got his fingers badly jammed at Wilder & co's., mill Thursday while unloading a heavy cask, from the car to the store house.

The village was thrown into a fever of excitement Thursday by the report that Louis Lamond had died suddenly with heart disease, and was found dead in his barn, but such was not the case. He went out gunning in the forenoon, in the woods back of his house, taking along with him an old coat for "the purpose of carrying powder, shot, &c. On returning, he threw the old coat down on a pile of sacks in the barn, carried his gun into the house, and put it in its place, then started for his daily labors which are half of the day and [illegible]. His wife knowing that she had not seen him go to the mill, and not seen barn, and taking a glance at the old coat, thought it was he sure, and then she ran to the neighbors who quickly responded upon further examination the true state of affairs was discovered and a messenger was dispatched to Bailey's mill to tell Louis that he had died with the heart disease, and was found in his barn.

MEREDITH MATTERS.

The best of sleighing.

Post master Roberts is gaining.

W. P. Jenness has nearly recovered from his late illness.

Mumps are getting quite fashionable among the juveniles.

The week of prayer was observed here by the different churches.

Several of our citizens attended the public meeting at New Hampton.

Miss Eva Beede has returned to New Jersey where she is engaged in teaching.

Wm. Cilley has recently been visiting friends and relatives in Manchester.

Frank Smith is gaining rapidly and hopes to be out soon, to the delight of his many friends.

A few people attended Theodore Tilton's lecture at Lake Village on the "Problem of Life."

George W. Barnard, agent for O. K. Gerrish, nurseryman of Portland, Me., is canvassing this town.

John M. Neal, who lives on the Weirs road, has been confined to his bed for several days with gastric fever.

A large number of citizens attended the recent reception given to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Graves, of Centre Harbor.

T. L. Wadleigh and sister are in fashion and are quietly enjoying themselves in the house with distended faces.

Prof. Colby's dancing class in the Town Hall are making great improvement in the waltz and other round dances.

Rev. John Petengill, of this town, has accepted a call to preach from the F. W. B. church at Eaton, and has entered upon his work.

One day recently, while Henry M. Robinson was unloading wood, he was struck in the face by a binding lever, cutting a large gash in his head.

"Cooney," junior member of the new establishment of Wadleigh, Clough & Co., has been on a business tour to Manchester, Boston and other places.

Dr. Palmer has recently taken into his family a very young and very small medical student, but a very noisy one, who will need much training before being admitted to the sick room.

As a Mr. Hanson, of Moultonboro', was driving into the village recently, he was run into by a boy on a sled who was sliding down hill. The horse became unmanageable and ran away, throwing out the occupants and demolishing the sleigh.

The dime entertainment given by George S. Cram Relief Corps in the Grand Army Hall Wednesday evening, was well patronized by an appreciative audience, who gave many expressions of pleasure in the form of prolonged shouts of laughter and applause. The assistance furnished by the ladies was far more than was expected by their most ardent friends. A handsome purse was realized after paying expenses.

As Mrs. B. B. Rollins and little son were out riding near Mr. Jacob Smith's house recently, the little boy by some means or other, fell from the sleigh, and his mother while endeavoring to reach him, also fell out, striking on her shoulder, but fortunately no bones were broken. The horse started on a trot home, but owing to some entanglement of the reins, brought up in Hodgson's mill yard where he was caught without doing any damage.

The following officers of Belknap Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., were installed into their respective chairs on Monday evening, the 8th, by D. D. G. M., J. U. Farnham, of Plymouth: N. G., Thomas J. Sinclair; V. G., James D. Barnard; R. Sec., Fred W. Ellison; F. Sec., [illegible]; Treas., Frank W. Smith; R. S. N. G., F. F. Carey; L. S. N. G., F. H. [illegible]; R. S. V. G., I. C. [illegible]; L. S. V. G., W. E. [illegible]; R. S. S., J. J. H. [illegible]; L. S. S., George Thornton; O. G., C. D. Brown; O. G., W. M. Rand; Chap., James Graham.

We have received from the well known Travelers' Insurance company, Hartford, Conn., lithographs of [illegible] of the representative journals and journalists of the United States. They are [illegible] for [illegible] of the [illegible] of about a dozen of the most prominent daily papers, with portraits of their proprietors in the centre [illegible]. These [illegible] are George W. Childs, Philadelphia Ledger; Whitelaw Reid, N. Y. Tribune; James Gordon Bennett, Jr., N. Y. Herald; Henry Watterson, Louisville Courier Journal; [illegible], Chicago [illegible]; Murat Halstead, Cincinnati Commercial; E. B. Haskell, and R. M. Pulsifer, of the Boston Herald; Oswald Ottendorfer, New Yorker Staats Zeitung; Joseph Medill, Chicago Tribune; Charles A. Dana, N. Y. Sun; [illegible], Hartford Courant; [illegible]. All of [illegible] are elegantly designed and printed and reflect great credit upon all concerned with them, the company from which they come stands high as well [illegible] J. G. Batterson for president, and Rodney Dennis for secretary.

THERE IS NOTHING LOST.

There is no death, 'tis only gain,
The sun goes down, but is not lost,
In the morning, he will rise again,
And with warm rays, will melt the frost

In that great vault, above our sight.
The stars shine through the live-long day,
We cannot see their twinkling light,
For now the sun has turned this way.

And thus those loved ones are not dead,
They have only passed from out our sight,
We almost hear their golden tread,
As now they walk in realms of light.

From out the foaming billowy sea,
The suns' great power of latent heat,
Dissolves the water, O, so wee,
And now descends in drenching sheets.

The stately mountains crumble down,
To fill the vale to overflow,
So slow they move, we hear no sound,
And only in the change we know.

The winter blast, sweeps o'er the field,
Checks the flowers so pure and bright,
Let in the spring time they will feel,
The warming power and know their might.

In this bright world so pure and fair,
There is no loss 'tis only change,
So many things dissolve in air,
And then turn back to us again.

The clouds are formed from out the sea,
And circling round the mountain tops
They drop their spray upon the lea,
As they fall down in sparkling drops,

And in the circling of the round,
Whether it be in sea or lake,
The water is the same when found,
In dew, or rain, or snowy flake.

The link is whole, it will not break,
Nor try to sunder it apart,
So let us now this lesson take
And bind it closer to our heart.

This light shines from the [illegible]
O shout the song, [illegible] now on high,
We we're can [illegible] pilgrim lay,
So sing the [illegible] the fountain dry,
[illegible] truth in bright array.

When [illegible] now we speak of those just gone,
O, do not talk of them as dead,
Remember they again are born,
And live where Christ is at the head.

Dr. J. C. W.
Groton, N. H.

THORNTON.

The "Roll of Honor" for the school in District No. 1, just closed, presents the following remarkable array of names out of a compliment of twenty-one:—Fred O. James, Charles W. Foss, Melvina L., Minnie E., Lizzie L., and Bertha E. James, Lizzie M. Sanborn, Martha M. Foss, Anna M. Thayer, Mary M., and Frances H. Smith—this last name after [illegible] the 2d week. The 1st prize in the first class in spelling, Dr. Worcester's Dictionary, was won by Miss Mary H. Smith, Miss Martha M. Foss, after a close race, winning 2d prize. In the second class, Misses Lizzie M. Sanborn and Bertha E. James, after a [illegible] and persistent rivalry, were pronounced [illegible] and awarded handsome prizes [illegible]. In the third class, [illegible]. Misses Melvina L. James and Martha M. Foss were presented certificates of ample ability and preparation for teaching in our district schools. I never more thoroughly enjoyed [illegible] a school. MINOR.

We the undersigned trustees of the Union Meeting House: constituting a ministerial committee are all in favor of Rev. James P. Topping remaining as pastor for the fifth year, but he has decided to leave and we hold his resignation.

MOSES N. DOWNING.
ABEL N. CANFIELD.
JOHN JOHNSON.

Thornton, Jan. 10, 1883.

Miss Alice M. Hambline, is enjoying a weeks visit with Nettie Topping.

The merchant (Mr. E. Emmons) is quite ill.

Mrs. A. W. Brown came home Tuesday put is no better as her arm and hand are still paralyzed.

Mr. M. N. Downing has been suffering with rheumatism for a long time and is hardly able to be about.

John Moulton has been on the sick list for a few days. Cause vaccination.

Ice houses are being filled these cold days.

The schools in Districts Nos. 1 and 2 closed last week. In No. 1 Miss Mary Smith carried off the first prize. Misses Lizzie Sanborn and Bertha James the second, and Stella Foss the third.

R.

WARREN.

The Bell Ringers were here last week.

Pressed hay is being brought here by rail.

C. W. Cummings goes to Boston this week to buy goods for his new store, which is nearly completed.

Christmas and New Year were observed, the former by Concert and trees the latter by a fuss in the Grammar school, which resulted in its abrupt termination.

Ira Libbey aged about 70 years died Friday after an illness of years. His wife lies at the point of death.

The week of prayer is to be observed at the M. E. church, Rev. M. Fish pastor.

Rev. L. W. Prescott has been engaged to supply the M. E. church the rest of the year at Colebrook, a vacancy being caused by the removal of the minister there to Lisbon.

CENTRE HARBOR.

Homer Benson has sold his house to Frank Webster of South Tamworth, and bought a small farm on Squam Neck. Mr. W. has taken possession.

Mr. Goodrich of Great Falls, who bought the saw mill of Fred Brown, has moved into the house sold with it.

Mr. Brown has taken a tenement of George Emery.

Our two mercantile houses are doing a thriving business, especially in the grain trade. R. S. Coe having sold three hundred barrels of flour in the last six months. Greatly reduced prices at both places.

Mrs. R. L. Coe has gone to Boston, Miss Hattie Huntress to New York, and Miss Lillian K. [illegible] to the latter place and Hoboken, N. J.

Instead of two street lamps—private affairs—we have six; more are coming.

Social meetings are held in private houses. This week of prayer is observed.

Rev. Mr. Salen and Prof. Mitchell held services in the Hall last Sabbath eve.

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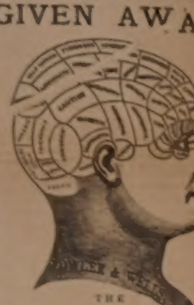

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CAMPTON.

Moses C. Dole and wife have returned from their trip South, where they have spent several weeks visiting friends in Tennessee, Washington and other places.

It must have been an interesting sight to have been the men on the P. V. R. R. filling the boiler of their engine with water using a two quart pail and a pint funnel.

Moody C. Dole, and Jason Little started Wednesday, 10th with a pair of fine, young horses and a light hitch for a short visit in Maine.

The week of prayer has been observed by Union meetings and Special meetings by the different churches in town.

Eben Hoyt of Laconia, dealer in Musical Instruments was in town this week.

Below zero Jan. 11th.

Miss Sarah Smithers, sister of Rev. T. H. Smithers and a Miss Melson and two brothers, have arrived in town from London, England and are now stopping at the parsonage.

The next meeting of the ladie's benevolent society will be with Mrs. T. J. Sanborn, on Thursday, Jan. 18, at 10 o'clock a. m. Turn out all and give them a full house.

Rev. Milton Downing preached in the West Campton church, last Sabbath for Rev. T. H. Smithers.

At the Free Baptist Society Meeting held Monday evening Jan. 1st, 1883 the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year. President, Mark Spokesfield; Vice Pres., Moses C. Spokesfield; Secretary, W. H. Berry; Committee, W. P. Garland, J. Frank Smith, W. H. Berry.

F.

W. P. Garland has sold his oxen to Moody Keniston of New Hampton, for $142.00.

RUMNEY.

Union meetings commenced Sabbath evening at the Bakers River church.

Some of our young ladies are home from New London, the school having closed on account of a fatal case of scarlet fever, to which several were exposed.

R. B. Emerton is desirous of disposing of the mail route, having entered into new business.

Willis Peppard has gone to Florida.

S. H. Quincy expects to remove to Lancaster. Mass., early in the spring.

N.

HOLDERNESS.

We hope we shall have the same Landlord at the Asquam House, as last year.

N. B. Whitten has added a cabinet of the "Diamond Dyes", to his stock of goods.

Alice E. Perkins has returned to J. F. Draper & Co's., Glove Shop, to resume her labors.

Potatoes do not bring $1.00 per bushel as many expected, 70 cents being the outside price. Large lots are reported as being held for shipment waiting for a rise.

WEST RUMNEY.

The Womans Aid society, will meet with Mrs. John Morrill, Thursday, Jan. 18 afternoon, tea and evening.

Mr. Whitman Flynn of Boston, is now stopping for a short time with Mrs. D. L. Simpson.

We are having nice sleighing here now.

M.

WEST PLYMOUTH.

Mr. Stanford Mitchell, the Gospel Singer will give a service of song and an address in Stearns' Hall, tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock.

BORN.

In Woodsville, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Smyth, a son.

In Plymouth, Jan. 11, to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Avery, a son.

In Meredith, Dec. 31, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Cox, a daughter.

DIED.

In Meredith, Dec. 26, Mr. Jonathan [illegible]son, aged 83 years.

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FARMER'S MEETING.

Three members of the State Board of Agriculture held two rousing meetings on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Congregational vestry at Campton Hollow. James O. Adams, of Manchester, secretary, and Messrs. Hill, of Plaistow, and Carr, of Haverhill, members of the State Board of Agriculture, were present. The

AFTERNOON MEETING

was called to order at about two o'clock by the chairman, T. J. Sanborn, of West Campton, who made a few remarks of congratulation and then introduced Mr. Adams as the first speaker, who took the floor and talked quite freely upon the subject of "Fertilizers," beginning at the time when the earth produced spontaneously and coming rapidly down to the present, giving reasons why the earth has become so impoverished. The stock taken from the pastures and the products from the soil and sold in the markets, cause the earth to fail and our farms to diminish in value. One ton of hay taken from its native place will exhaust the strength or fertility of the soil to the value of $6.48, and by selling this product we make the earth produce brakes when it ought to produce hay. And so we must look elsewhere for fertilizers than in the farm-yard, and then it is better to buy fertilizers than stable manure. Two elements must be found in all fertilizers, nitrogen and phosphoric acid,—plant-making elements in all super phosphates. In every ton of each is $15.00 worth of nitrogen and $16.00 worth of phosphoric acid, besides another element, potash, to the value of $3.60, found in all super phosphates. Then the makers must have some profit. On Bradley's, they make $5.00 per ton, making the fertilizer cost us but $40.00 a ton. The transportation being of considerable importance, it is much better to buy by the quantity. Buy your own chemicals and make the fertilizers to suit your own soil by experimenting a little, for what is good for one field may not be for another. Take several small pieces of ground and use each ingredient separately. If not decided in one year, try another, making combinations of two or more elements until you find what is needed for your soil. Muriatic acid is good for corn; bone black, after having been used in sugar refinings, is as good as ground bone. Mr. Adams gave a description of his farm and the experiments he has made in regard to the different fertilizers,—sowing on the ground, working it into the soil, putting it in hills, strewing in drills, etc. The fertilizer must be where the roots can find it, do not dig deep but put near the surface. Stable manure should be put near the surface, down as far as the leading roots extend, for the tendency of all fertilizers is downward. Top dressing is beneficial. Swamp muck contains a great quantity of nitrogen; a cord contains as much as a cord of manure, and is good for a soil that contains a large quantity of potash. Muck should be applied cautiously until after making several experiments. Its value is often attacked by people who have never used it. It has other uses than the chemical one, it holds moisture in sandy loams.

Mr. Hill then spoke about "Raising Potatoes." Burnt land is best for potatoes, because it is free from all diseases. Spread stable manure broadcast, furrow in drills; then use fertilizers, strewing it in drills, mixing with the soil; then put in plaster. In cutting potatoes, cut in pieces of three eyes each, as nearly as possible. Cut them when needed, or cut and cover them with some article of preservation and growth, not leave them exposed. Furrows are better than hills for several purposes; one is it saves time having furrows or drills about three feet apart and dropping potatoes in drills about one foot apart. When sprouted, drop with sprouts up. Do not fill the furrows full and press the soil down. The potato plant was described and its quantities discussed. As soon as the sprouts of potatoes have broken the ground it is well to cover them again, for then you may rid yours of the Colorado potato beetle, and if the sprouts are broken no material damage is done. After the hoeing is over, cabbages may be grown between the drills with profit. It is better to dig potatoes with the potato hook.

The subject of onions was discussed and many questions was asked by the audience. The

EVENING MEETING

was called to order at about six o'clock by the chairman, and Mr. Hill was called upon to speak on the subject of "Fruit Growing," confining himself principally to "Apple Culture." First, giving a classification of the different kinds of fruits: apples should be raised in New Hampshire for several reasons: 1st. It is their native place and saves acclimating trees that come from abroad; 2nd, we should never buy what we can raise ourselves; 3rd, it saves the expense of the traveling agents. Any boy can learn how to grow trees and bud them. Seeds may be obtained from the pomace at the cider mill; place these in the cellar during the winter and sow in spring. Nearly all will come up, but take away the thrifty ones in the fall and place them in a trench that has been dug, and cover them up for the winter. Take them in spring and plant them in a line where the soil has already been prepared by furrows; place about a foot apart, having rows about four feet. Other crops may be grown between these rows with profit. These trees, by fall, will have attained a size sufficient for budding. Take scions for ingrafting from the tree you wish, in the fall, clip leaves down to an inch and place in moss for the winter. In spring, cut tree six inches from the ground, run the knife down behind the bark, and place scion down as far as the bud; then tie it carefully and in a week the bud will be fast. The time for budding is in the spring. Ladies may easily perform the operation of budding. The trees having become large enough, should be set in orchards, because it is more convenient and then you need not be ashamed of them. The orchard should be kept under cultivation; and the smaller fruit may be grown with great profit, such as strawberries, raspberries, currants, etc. The subject of strawberries and currants was quite largely discussed. Cranberries should be and can be grown on almost every farm in New Hampshire. It is an article of fruit, always salable, and is a luxury to the table. Select a peat bog and ditch both around and across it, so as to draw away the water. Then take off all surplus matter and sand over; then set out the vines, selecting only the best. In the fall, the water should be drawn on so as to avoid the frost's hitting the berries, and in the spring it is to be drained again. The cranberry is not a water plant, as many suppose, but one that will stand the drought better than many others, and is one that needs no cultivation.

Mr. Adams then spoke on the subject of "Butter Making." The first thing is to get good cows, the best for market butter being the Jersey, but for family use and for our farms in New Hampshire the Devon is as good as any kind. Great care must be exercised in the feeding of the cows for butter; the surroundings must be warm, clean and well ventilated. There can not be too much care taken in milking not to get any sediment in the pail; milk rapidly and carry at once to the dairy. Thirty-six hours is sufficient time to let the milk set; then skim. In churning, use no coloring matter, although there is no danger in doing so, Richardson's being the best. Begin to churn carefully and then more rapidly, being usually from 15 to 20 minutes. Wash the butter carefully and work with a butter worker.

Mr. Carr made a few remarks which were concise and to the point.

A vote of thanks was extended to the gentlemen of the Board for their presence at the meetings. There was a good attendance, and the proceedings were enlivened throughout by the good humor and enthusiasm of those taking part.

The Board of Agriculture and the writer of this article were carried from the Pemigewasset House to Campton in a double team, by T. J. Sanborn, the popular hotel keeper at West Campton. The trip was much enjoyed by each one. At about 12 o'clock we reached the residence of Mr. Little and wife, near the church, where we were pleasantly entertained, both at dinner and supper, the table being loaded with "good food and it was well cooked." We were brought back to Plymouth by the same conveyance that we came in, reaching the village about half past eleven, the members of the Board going north on the midnight express as they spoke in Bradford, Vt., last evening.

F. A. W.

OPENING A NEW LODGE.

A Bad Boy Plays Mason, and Gives His Pa the Royal Bumper Degree.

"Say, are you a Mason, or a oddfellow or anything?" asked the bad boy of the groceryman, as he went to the cinnamon bag on the shelf and took out a long stick of cinnamon bark to chew.

"Why, yes, of course I am, but what set you thinking of that?" asked the groceryman, as he went to the desk and charged the boy's father with half a pound of cinnamon.

"Well, do goats butt when you nishiate a fresh candidate?"

"No, of course not. The goats are cheap ones, and no life, and we muzzle them, and put pillows on their heads so they can't hurt anybody," says the groceryman, as he winked at a brother Odd Fellow who was seated on a sugar barrel, looking mysteriously. "But why do you ask?"

"Oh, nuthing", only I wish me and my chum had muzzled our goat with a pillow. Pa would enjoyed his becoming a member of our lodge much better. You see, pa had been telling us how much good the Masons and Odd Fellows did and said we ought to try and grow up good so we could jine the lodges when we got big, and I asked pa if it would do any hurt for us to play lodge in my room, and purtend to nishiate, and pa said it wouldn't do any hurt. He said it would improve our minds, and learn us to be men. So my chum and me borrowed a goat that lives in a livery stable and carried him up to my room when pa and ma was out riding, but the goat blatted so we tied a handkerchief around his nose, and his feet made such a noise on the floor that we put some baby's stocks on his feet. Well, sir, my chum and me practiced with that goat till he could butt a picture of a goat every time. We borrowed a buck beer sign from a saloon man, hung it on the back of a chair, and the goat would hit it every time. That night pa wanted to know what we were doing up in my room, and I told him we were playing lodge and improving our minds, and pa said that was right, there was nothing that did boys of our age so much good as to imitate men, and store by useful noledge. Then my chum asked pa if he didn't want to come up and take the grand bumper degree, and pa laffed and said he didn't care if he did, just to encourage us boys in innocent pastime, that was so improving to our intellex. We had shut the goat up in a closet in my room, and he had got over blatting, so we took off the handkerchief and he was eating some of my paper collars and skate straps.

"We went up stairs and told pa to come up pretty soon and give three distinct raps and when we asked him who comes there he must say 'a pilgarlic who wants to join your ancient order and ride the goat.' Ma wanted to come up too, but we told her if she came in it would break up the lodge, 'cause a woman could not keep a secret, and we did not have any side saddle for the goat. Say, if you never tried it, the next time you nishiate a man in your Mason lodge you sprinkle a little kyan pepper on the goat's beard just before you turn him loose. You can get three times as much to the square inch of goat. Well, we got all fixed and pa rapped, and we let him in and told him he must be blindfolded, and he got on his knees a laffing, and I tied a towel around his eyes, and then I turned him around and made him get on his hands also, and then his back was right toward the closet door, and I put the buck beer sign right against pa's clothes. He was laffing all the time, and said we boys were full of fun as they made 'em, and we told him it was a solemn occasion, and we would permit no levity, and if didn't stop laffing we could not give him the grand bumper degree. Then everything was ready, and my chum had his hand on the closet door, and some kyan pepper in the other hand, and I asked pa in low base tones if he felt as though he wanted to turn back, or if he had nerve enough to go ahead and take the degree. I warned him that it was full of dangers, as the goat was loaded for beer, and told him he yet had time to retrace his steps if he wanted to. He said he wanted the whole business, and we could go ahead with the menagerie. Then I said to pa that if he had decided to go ahead, and not blame us for the consequences to repeat after me the following: 'Bring forth the Royal Bumper, and let him Bump!' Pa repeated the words and my chum sprinkled the kyan pepper on the goat's mustache, and he sneezed once and looked sassy, and then he saw the lager beer goat racing up, and he started for it just like a cow catcher, and blatted. Pa is real fat but he knew he had got hit, and grunted and said 'What are you boys doing?' and the goat gave him another degree and pa pulled off the towel and got up and started for the stairs and so did the goat, and ma she was at the bottom of the stairs listening and when I looked over the banisters pa and ma and the goat were all in a heap, and pa was yelling murder, and ma was screaming fire and the goat was blatting and sneezing and bunting, and the hired girl came into the hall and the goat took after her, and she crossed just as the goat struck her, and said 'Howley mother, protect me!' and went down stairs the way we boys slide down hill, and the goat reared up and blatted, and pa and ma went into their room and shut the door, and my chum and me opened the front door and drove the goat out. The minister was ringing the door bell, and the goat thought he wanted to be nishiated too, and gave him one for luck, and then he went down the sidewalk blatting and sneezing, and the minister came in the parlor and said he was stabbed, and then pa came out of his room with his suspenders hanging down, and, as he didn't know the minister was there, he said cuss words and ma came and said he would go to that bad place, and pa said he did not care if he did or not, he would kill that kussed goat before he went, and then I told pa that the minister was in the parlor, and he and ma went down and said the weather was propitious for a revival, and none of them sat down but ma, 'cause the goat did not hit her, and while they were talking my chum and me adjourned the lodge and I went out and staid with him all night, and I ain't been home since. I do not believe pa will lick me, 'cause he said he would not hold us responsible for the consequences. He ordered the goat himself, and we filled the order, don't ye see? Well, I guess I will go and sneak in the back way and find out from the hired girl how the land lays. She won't go back on me, 'cause the goat was not loaded for hired girls. She just happened to get in at the wrong time. Good bye, sir. Remember and give your goat kyan pepper in your lodges."

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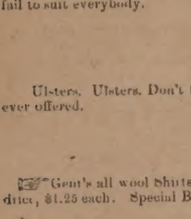

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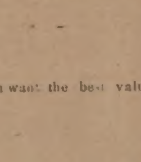

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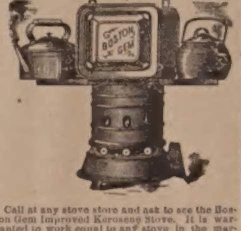

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NEWS OF THE DAY

GENERAL ITEMS.

—O'Rourke, the murderer of the Mahars, father and daughter, was hanged at Melton, Ont., on Friday.

—Five thousand dollars, expressed by a bank at Indianapolis, Ind., to a similar institution at Muncie, was stolen while in transit.

—The Democratic and Greenback members of the Michigan Legislature have agreed to act together on all questions of party policy.

—Severe weather is being experienced at Montreal. In the neighborhood of that city the temperature fell twenty-two degrees below zero.

—Isham Scott was hanged at Paris, Texas, on Friday, for the murder of Joseph Spears.

—Masked burglars bound and gagged the inmates of a house near Chicago and then ransacked the premises.

—Lucky Baldwin, a San Francisco millionaire, was shot by Miss Verona Baldwin, on Thursday, in the corridors of his own hotel.

—Governor Crittenden, of Missouri, in his message reports the State free from the robber bands which have heretofore disgraced it.

—By the upsetting of a boat in Dorchester Bay, Mass., two men were drowned—John Russell, twenty-eight years, and John Lindeman, forty years.

—General Butler was inaugurated Governor of Massachusetts on Thursday and made a ringing address to the Legislature, arraigning the system of transacting business in every department of the State government and proposing several trenchant reforms.

—Four men were killed and four others injured by the explosion of a boiler at Muskegon, Mich.

—A Stoney (Canadian) Indian, who was being conducted to an insane asylum, is reported to have killed and eaten his escort.

—Mrs. Delano A. Goddard, of Boston, for whom a purse of $25,000 had been made up by friends of her late husband, has declined the gift.

—The Connecticut Legislature passed a resolution validating all ballots returned as cast at the last election for any officers, and also resolutions declaring the Democratic State officers elected.

—The Treasurer of White Pine County, Utah, is reported to have been murdered by burglars who robbed the treasury.

—It is believed at St. Paul, Minn., that combinations have been made in both houses of Legislature which make the election of Windom to the United States Senate almost certain.

—The Delaware Legislature organized by the election of democratic officers.

—About eight hundred coal miners, near Des Moines, Iowa, ceased work on account of a reduction made in their wages.

—In Washington County, N. Y., poison having been discovered in the remains of a young woman, a physician has been held in $5,000 on a charge of having criminally administered the deadly drug.

—Three laborers were killed at Auburn, N. Y., by the caving in of an excavation.

—A horrible series of murders is reported from Little Rideau, Canada. A farm hand killed four members of the family which employed him and wounded three more.

—By the upsetting of a flatboat on the Tuckasegee River, N. C., eighteen convict laborers were drowned on Saturday. The accident was caused by the men's own fright and rush to one end of the boat.

—The result of an ill assorted marriage was terribly illustrated in Central New York. The wife attacked the husband with two butcher knives and he killed her with a poker.

—The Congressional election in the Seventh district of Ohio shows a Republican gain over the vote in the fall.

—A shock of earthquake was felt at Rockland, Me., and vicinity on Sunday night.

—In Knox County, Ohio, a woman who is said to be dying of consumption has confessed to having committed three murders.

—The Ninth and Tenth regiments, Rhode Island Volunteers, during the early days of the rebellion went to the front as three months' men and returned at the expiration of that period. It is now claimed that inasmuch as the officers and men did not receive a discharge from the government until a few days since they are entitled to their pay, with interest, for the intervening years.

—Fire at Milwaukee, Wis., destroyed clothing, dry goods, etc., to the estimated value of $600,000.

—Michael Mooney was hanged at Malade, Idaho, on Friday last for the crime of murder.

—Three Chinamen were instantly killed by an explosion of giant powder, near Meeksville, Mon.

—The murderers of Jesse James, on exhibition in a Boston museum, attacked their audience and caused a stampede, because some one in the throng called the Ford brothers cowards.

—A woman was sentenced to be hanged for murder at Emporia, Kan.

—The Board of Managers of the National Soldiers' Homes estimate the necessary appropriation for the next fiscal year at $1,122,088.

—The statistics of shipbuilding in the neighborhood of Boston show a gain during 1882 over 1881 of 4,274 tons. The list for 1882 shows eight steamers, one bark, twelve schooners and four sloops, the aggregate tonnage of which is 7,754.

—Samuel Starkweather, a butcher of Williamstown, while driving through the "Dugway," near Pownal, Vt., on Friday night, was stopped by two men, who knocked him from his sleigh and robbed him of $80 and his valuables.

—Iverson Slade, colored, was hanged at Yanceyville, N. C., for murder.

—Governor-elect Waller, of Connecticut, does not believe his election will be defeated in consequence of alleged irregularities in ballots cast for him.

—At Uniontown, Pa., W. L. Dukes, who killed A. C. Nutt, was admitted to bail in the sum of $12,000.

—Two boys, aged respectively eleven and eight years, on being arrested at Meriden, Conn., confessed that they had attempted to wreck a passenger train from New York.

—The death rate of St. Louis, Mo., for 1882, was 19.5 per 1,000; the rate of births for the same period was 21.5.

—A decision by the United States Court at Little Rock affects materially the disputed debt of the State of Arkansas—it makes the bonds loaned to railroads a first and super lien on the roads.

—A witness in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas having denied the personality of God his testimony has been rejected and a new trial ordered. Judge Briggs gave the decision.

—Boston has added a new park to her list of breathing spots—Wood's Island, a tract of twenty acres.

—The Knickerbocker Life Insurance Company, of New York City, has failed and gone into the hands of a receiver.

—There is a probability of a speedy passage of the bill to provide judicial investigation of private claims.

—Well informed members of the House of Representatives say that the passage of the Civil Service Reform bill by that body this session is hardly probable.

—President Arthur gave a brilliant reception in the newly furnished White House.

—A young woman at Pottsville, Pa., attempted to kindle a fire with the aid of coal oil and was burned to death.

—Excitement prevails at Yankton, D. T., over the secret marriage of a Russian physician and a nun out of a Catholic convent.

—The New York City Budget for 1883 was passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. It calls for $28,-592,535—over $1,000,000 more than this year's budget.

—According to a summary prepared by a mercantile agency the failures in the United States and Canada this year exceeded those of 1881 by 1,645.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

—In response to a House resolution calling for information as to the probable amount of appropriations available for the improvement of rivers and harbors which will be on hand at the close of the current fiscal year, the President to-day transmitted a report from the Chief of Engineers estimating the amount at $5,000,000.

—The House Committee on the Judiciary discussed the Knott resolution declaring all Northern Pacific Railroad land grants forfeited, and on motion of Mr. Knott laid it on the table for consideration at the next meeting of the committee.

—The Presidential Succession bill came up as the unfinished business in the Senate, and was supported by Messrs. Hoar (Rep.), Mass., and Garland (Dem.), of Arkansas. Several amendments were offered to the bill.

—A Washington correspondent says the House Naval Committee will recommend the construction of a number of new naval vessels, as follows: One steam cruising vessel, to cost $2,700,000; one steam vessel of war, of not less than 4,000 tons displacement, to cost $1,-576,854; three steam cruising vessels of war, not less than 2,500 tons displacement each, to cost for all $3,093,675; dispatch boat or clipper, to cost $400,-000; one cruising torpedo boat, to cost $28,000.

—The Attorney-General has given an opinion that the Chinese law applies only to laborers and others intending to remain in the United States.

—The Senate passed the Whisky in Bond bill.

—The Army Appropriation bill was passed by the House. A large number of amendments were offered in Committee of the Whole, all of which were ruled out on points of order. The bill as passed contains the provision for the gradual abolition of the pay corps of the army. The provision as to the transportation of army and army supplies remains unchanged.

—Mr. Robinson introduced a resolution in the House directing the Secretaries of War and Navy to inform the House whether any officer of the army or navy has been detailed to wait on representatives or relatives of monarchs traveling through the country.

—The Committee on Ways and Means have almost completed their revision of the tariff.

—The report of the Mississippi Commission estimates the salaries and expenses of the commission for the next fiscal year at $200,000, the estimate for works being $4,573,000.

—The Naval Advisory Board appointed to report upon the unfinished iron-clad steamers Monadnock, Puritan, Amphitrite and Terror, recommends that the vessels be completed at once. Secretary Chandler indorses the report and recommends that an appropriation be made for the work.

—The manufacturers of pig iron are making energetic efforts to induce the Committee of Ways and Means not to reduce the tariff on that material.

—Mr. Elisha H. Allen, the Hawaiian Minister, was attacked with spasms at the White House on New Year's day, while a reception was being held. He had just been presented to the President. Physicians were called in but he died in a few minutes in an anteroom. His death was announced and the reception came immediately to a close.

FOREIGN ITEMS.

—A priest in Donegal, Ireland, says that he accompanied Mr. Trevelyan, Chief Secretary for Ireland, on a tour of inspection in the parish of Glencolumbkill. They visited twenty families and found that there was not a morsel of food in any house.

—The Municipal Bank of Sapajek, Russia, has failed for some millions of rubles. The assets, exclusive of the furniture, are only twenty-nine rubles.

—A Milan newspaper has been warned against publishing a subscription list for a monument to Overdank.

—On Sunday the Czar found in his bedroom a letter from the revolutionary committee demanding the commencement of the promised reforms.

—A tenant farmer has been beaten to death near Claremorris, Ireland.

—An unconfirmed rumor was current in London that Germans resident there had received notice to return to Germany to fulfill their terms of military service.

—Gambetta's body was viewed by crowds of Parisians as it lay in state at the Palais Bourbon. His brain weighed 1,100 grams.

—The inundations are taking the form of a great public catastrophe in Germany. The floods are reappearing in France and the Danube has inundated Presburg.

—Delaney has been found guilty of attempt to murder Judge Lawson and has been sentenced to ten years' penal servitude.

—Applications under the Arrears act affect 130,000 holdings.

—Many houses in towns along the Rhine have fallen, being undermined by the floods, and several villages are almost entirely under water to the roofs of the houses.

—Mr. Trevelyan has gone to inspect the distressed districts in Ireland.

—Prince Bismarck hints that he will retire from politics.

—Floods in the Danube and Rhine continue.

—The death is announced in England of the Earl of Stamford.

—All the troops in Paris and Marseilles attended the funeral of Gambetta. The fortune of the deceased is estimated at less than 75,000 francs.

—In County Tipperary three bailiffs were attacked by a mob; they fired on their assailants, killing one of them.

—A Madrid paper publishes a letter from the Cuban refugee, Maceo, protesting against his imprisonment at Ceuta, and denying that he is now a political prisoner.

—Persia has surrendered Ahmed Khan to Afghanistan.

—Count Wimpffen, the Austrian Ambassador at Paris, has committed suicide.

—A boy was recovered alive from the ruins of the factory which was destroyed by a falling chimney in Bradford, England.

—The boiler of a factory at Dison, Belgium, exploded Friday while the building was full of work people. A number of persons were killed. Three bodies have so far been extricated.

—Zululand is to be divided between John Dunn and Cetewayo.

—The Boers want to revise the convention with Great Britain.

—The floods on the Rhine cause great interruption to railway traffic in Europe.

—M. Leon Gambetta, of France, died at an early hour New Year's morning. M. Gambetta's career was full of strange and dramatic incidents. Of humble origin, by his talents alone he rose to be one of the foremost men of France. Had he survived he would probably have been elected President of the Republic. He was noted as a journalist and as a French publicist.

THE MAN FROM ARKANSAS.

HOW A STERN WASHINGTON OFFICIAL'S HEART WAS MOVED TO PITY

A Washington Correspondent Tells this Story of Office-Seeking Life at the Capital.

Among the crowds which thronged the ante-rooms of the State Department seeking for Consulships at the beginning of General Garfield's Administration, there came a man of modest, patient demeanor, who hailed from Arkansas.

He aspired to be a Consul at some unimportant point, and he had secured the indorsement of a number of Congressmen who vouched for the excellence of his record as a soldier. The case was one which appealed to the sympathies of the Assistant Secretary, before whom the matter came primarily for decision. He was, however, unable to take action for several weeks. The man was a daily visitor at the Department, and as it seemed to the kind-hearted official was growing seedier and leaner as the weeks passed by. Toward the end of May, as the man entered the office one day, Mr. Hitt said:

"You have been here a long time, have you not?"

The man hung his head and meekly admitted that he had.

"Now tell me truly," said the Assistant Secretary, "haven't you been here since the 4th of March, seeking this office?" The applicant blushed and, after a moment's hesitation, admitted that he had been in Washington since the inauguration of the new Administration.

"Have you a wife?"

"Yes."

"And you have her here, too, have you not?"

The answer was a whisper in the affirmative.

"And have you children?"

"Yes, sir."

"How many?"

"Four."

"And you have had them here all this time, too—wife and children—have you not?"

Tears choked the voice of the poor man as he verified the Assistant Secretary's suspicions.

"Well, now," said Mr. Hitt, his sympathies for the misguided fellow overcoming his customary official reserve, "I will make you a promise which I have made to no other applicant—but on one condition. If you take your wife and children and start for home to-morrow, I will make your case a special one, and I will see the President personally about it during the week."

The applicant heaved a sigh of relief; reflected a moment, and with choking voice asked if he might not return the next day. "No," said the Assistant Secretary. "You have been here too long already. I will do as I have said, but only on the condition that you go to your home to-morrow."

The applicant again reflected, and pleadingly asked to be allowed to come once more.

"No, sir," said the official. "You have your fate in your hands. Go home, or I do nothing in your case."

The man turned slowly on his heel, heaved a sigh, and with his hand on the door-knob said he would think of it.

Just at that moment the door was pulled open from without, and a local reporter entered. The reporter and the office-seeker saluted each other familiarly with "Hello, Bob;" "How are you, Tom?" as the one passed in and the other out.

"What," queried the Assistant Secretary, addressing the reporter, "do you know that man from Arkansas?"

"Man from Arkansas?" repeated the reporter, with an inflection indicating surprise and amusement. "He's no man from Arkansas. He's a clerk in the Pension Office; his wife keeps a boarding house on F street. I've known 'em for eleven years; used to board with 'em."

Building Up a Business.

An English paper tells us how what is now the largest shoe manufactory in England was started. It says: J—— B—— was a respectable citizen of London, who in a venture lost his all, and retired to the country to live quietly on a little independence belonging to his wife. He did not like this state of things; but there seemed no opening for the commencement of any business. He had some knowledge of chemistry, and a taste for making experiments with it, and thought he would begin the tanning of leather by some process of his own, and see if any money could be acquired in that way. He exhausted all his small capital, and there was no sale for his hides. An old city friend, an alderman, who possessed a country-seat near the place where J—— B—— had set up his tan-pits, heard how the leather hung on hand, and asked: "Why not make your leather into shoes? Few persons care to buy, or know what to do with hides. Every one must wear shoes."

The difficulty was the want of capital; but J—— B——, nothing daunted, with his two sons, lads just come home from school, and the assistance of a village cobbler, set to work. The lads soon outstripped their instructor, adding intelligence to diligence, and the result was that their shoes sold faster than they could make them; and, in time, as their business increased, they not only sold thousands of pairs throughout England, but the demand for them in Australia became very great. J—— B—— died a wealthy man; and his two sons carried on the business, and in time, having realized huge fortunes, sold out and retired. Unfortunately, they had no resources of amusement or occupation in themselves, and the loss of an object to take up their time and give them an interest in the affairs of life at length so pressed upon them that they, at the end of a short period of this enforced idleness, repurchased at an enormous cost the factory but lately sold; and at the present time they employ at least a thousand pair of hands in the making of boots and shoes.

A New Ticket.—The Petersburg (Va.) *Index-Appeal* asks how Winfield S. Hancock and Joseph E. Johnston would do for a Democratic Presidential ticket in 1884, and thinks that its adoption would prove that the war is really over.

[illegible].—The number of women voters registered in Boston has steadily decreased every year since the passage of the law, there being now only 567, against 748 in 1881, 772 in 1880, and 980 in 1879. Their names are printed in one of the city papers this year.

A NOTABLE FRENCHMAN.

The Late M. Gambetta, the French Editor and Politician.

Leon Gambetta was born Oct. 30, 1838, in Cahors, the capital city of the Department of Lot, in Southern France. He entered upon the study of the law, and in 1859 was admitted to the Paris bar. It has been related of him, as illustrative of the intriguing disposition which was united to his wonderful executive mind, that he several times purloined briefs of important trials from the office of the old lawyer with whom he studied, mastered their contents, and when the time for the argument was at hand called his employer's attention to them. Despairing of mastering the case in so brief a time, the old lawyer would place the brief in Gambetta's hand, who used the opportunity with signal effect to forward his own interests by making a powerful argument. He soon became famous as a lawyer, and appeared in several important political causes, both in Paris and the provinces. Himself a man of the people, he was bold in expressing opinions of the most ultra republican order, and became popular with the Parisian masses. In 1868 he publicly denounced the arbitrary measures of Louis Napoleon, and in 1869 defended the *Emancipation* newspaper in Toulouse, and was given an enthusiastic reception through the south of France. In the same year he was elected Deputy by the "irreconcilables" for both Paris and Marseilles, but decided to take his seat for Marseilles. In 1870 he made an attack on the Ollivier Ministry, and declared that the day would come [illegible] republic should exist in France [illegible] one of the first to proclaim the [illegible] after Louis Napoleon's surrender [illegible] dan on Sept. 4 of the same year [illegible] foremost in the organization of the provisional government, and became Minister of the Interior. A misunderstanding arose between the Delegate Government at Tours and the National Defense Committee in Paris with regard to the contemplated election of Deputies.

He left Paris on Oct. 7 in the balloon "Armand-Barbes," accompanied by a secretary and an servant, passed the Prussian lines and reached Rouen in the evening. Thence he proceeded to Tours, organized a Government in the provinces which were uninvaded by the Germans, and raised an army. He advocated resistance to the bitter end, but when his soldiers were defeated and articles of peace were signed the members of the Paris Government reversed his decrees, and censured him. He resigned, and passed several months in seclusion in Spain. Suddenly he reappeared as a delegate in the Assembly, and was soon the acknowledged leader of the Radical wing of the Republican party. During the exciting period which followed he was alternately worshiped and maligned by his countrymen. But, right or wrong, in one thing he was consistent; he was always for the definitive establishment of the republic. In 1872 he made a "progress" through the south of France, and was treated with the honors due to royalty. In 1877 he had a conference at Rome with the leading statesmen of Italy. A few weeks later the eleventh Correctional Tribunal of Paris sentenced him to three months' imprisonment and a fine of 2,000 francs. This was due to his remark at a private meeting that after the next elections President MacMahon must submit or resign. In November, 1878, he fought a duel with Plessis Piquet, whom he had called a liar during a discussion in the Chamber. The encounter was harmless, and it was claimed that the seconds loaded the pistols with blank cartridges.

In 1879, when Grevy became President of the republic, Gambetta was elected President of the Chamber of Deputies. The two foremost Republicans held the two foremost positions. Gambetta was reelected in 1880 and 1881. He has been much criticised for the war in Tunis in 1881, whose success was generally considered as bad as a defeat would have been. On Nov. 14 he became the head of Grevy's Cabinet, himself taking the portfolio of Minister of Foreign Affairs. On Jan. 14, 1882, he made his speech on proposed changes in the French Constitution, including the *scrutin de liste*. On Jan. 26 his measure was overwhelmingly defeated, by 305 to 117, and he resigned his portfolio.

Down in the Dark.

The Virginia, Nev., *Enterprise* says: Down in the lower levels of our mines, hundreds of feet below the surface of the earth, in the dominions of Erebus, where darkness ever holds its reign unbroken by the light of day, are found some curious growths.

The Grass Valley *Tidings* of recent date makes the following mention of a specimen of this subterranean vegetation:

"On Saturday some miners found a rather queer specimen in the 700 level in the Idaho mine. The specimen was found among the timber is a sort of fungus (punk, we believe the miners call it), and is just the shape of a human hand. The hand has five fingers and a thumb, and appears to be in a sort of cramped position. It is a singular looking specimen, and may be seen at Wisconsin Hotel."

In the lower levels of the Comstock mines—particularly those long abandoned or unused—are seen many wonderful growths of different kinds of fungi. Some of these are great size, almost filling up drifts, and seen by the dim light of a candle look like sheeted ghosts. Down below in the dark these growths seem to strive to imitate the forms of things seen on the surface. In one of our mines was once found an imitation of a fancifully-carved meerschaum pipe, stem and all, so perfect that it would easily be mistaken for the genuine article if not taken in the hand and closely examined. Some of the fungi resemble the horns of animals, and are from two feet to a yard in length, while others might pass for a petrified devil-fish.

Mrs. Tilton at Home.

The following are extracts from letters of Evangelist Barnes to the Stanford (Ky.) *Journal*:

I paid a visit to Mrs. Theodore Tilton a few days ago. She, though not a blood relative has always been a favorite with me. Those who have only known her in connection with the horrible Beecher trial, know nothing whatever about her. She welcomed my visit as of old. She is fearfully altered by these awful years. Her personal beauty, once very marked, is almost gone. The soft, bright, innocent eye remains, but that alone. Her delicate hands once as soft as velvet, are hard with toil. The [illegible] dark brown hair is very gray, a[illegible]e pink and white of the once beautif[illegible]mplexion are replaced by a dull sa[illegible]. But her life is full of peace and rest that "the world cannot give."

The seven times heated furnace has purified, not consumed her, and to-day she has what others have not, "a conscience void of offense tow[illegible] and me."

I write this for my dear [illegible] of whom I am prouder than in [illegible] she was not the forsaken crea[illegible] now, but the centre of adm[illegible] circles, where all acknow[illegible] charms.

RATS AND RABBITS.

The Immense Services Done by the Mungoos in Jamaica.

[From the London Field.]

At the present time, when the inhabitants of the several Australian colonies are searching for some means of diminishing the vast numbers of the rabbits which are devouring the produce of the soil, the history of the acclimatization and utilization of the mungoos in the island of Jamaica, which was related in a paper read by Mr. W. Bancroft Espeut, at the meeting of the Zoological Society on Tuesday last, may not be without interest. A few years since the growth of crops in the island was so seriously interfered with by the number of rats, that land was allowed to pass out of cultivation, an expenditure of from £200 to £300 annually on several of the estates failing to keep down the numbers of the three species of these destructive rodents—the brown and black rat, and the cane pine rat (Mus saccharivorus).

Several attempts to introduce animals destructive to the rats had been made, but without success. The raffle ant (Formica omnivora) was effectual in certain localities, but it was equally efficacious in destroying native birds, chickens, puppies, and even occasionally killed calves. The Aqua toads, as a remedy, proved as bad as the disease, as they killed all ground birds, chickens, and eggs. Ferrets were also introduced, there being no musteline animal native to the island; but they were destroyed by chigoes. Fox terriers were found useless, as they were cut by the serrated edges of the leaves of the sugar cane. In 1872 Mr. B. Espeut introduced nine mungooses, four males and five females, one of the latter with young, direct from India. These were distributed, and in a few months had bred freely. So great was the destruction of rats effected by these animals, that in two years the expenditure for the extirpation of rats had ceased, as they were not only disseminated by the introducer, but the young mungooses were trapped alive by the negroes and sold at 5s each, the original expense of their introduction being about £1 per head. The beneficial effect of their introduction has been variously estimated at sums varying from £100,000 to £150,000 a year.

In 1875 the growth of cocoa was almost impossible, the export of chocolate and cocoa nibs for the whole island only amounting to £570 per annum; in five years the value of the export had risen to £11,000, and coffee, maize, peas, and beans, the growth of which had almost entirely ceased, were largely cultivated. The utility of the mungoos was not confined to the destruction of rats, as it destroyed vast numbers of snakes, toads, and land crabs. Since the advantage of the mungoos in Jamaica, has been proved, it has been introduced into several of the other islands, as Cuba, Barbadoes, Porto Rico. Several subsequent importations have been made into Jamaica, but the arrivals sent from England have not done as well as those imported direct from India.

The only objection made to the mungoos is that it has interfered with the ground nesting birds; thus the number of the quail have been observed to be diminished. Domestic poultry have not suffered seriously, or perhaps not as much as they previously did from the rats and snakes. In those parts of India were they are found they are not regarded as being specially obnoxious to tame animals. A singular result has followed their acclimatization in Jamaica; they have effected an alteration in the habit of the rats, that have taken to tree climbing, making their nests in the hollows of trees where the mungoos cannot follow them. The success which has attended the acclimatization of these animals in the West Indies may possibly lead to a trial of their services in Australia as destroyers of the rabbit; and, in view of this contingency, Mr. Bancroft Espeut referred those desirous of more detailed information to the letter of Mr. Morris, which was published in the *Field* for Feb. 14, 1882.

A New State.—The official election returns of Montana show that at the recent election 23,312 votes were cast. In 1880 the total vote was only 14,000 and the census revealed a population of 40,000. It is believed that the population now amounts to 75,000 and that by the close of 1883 there will be 100,000 persons residing in the Territory. The Legislature will draw up a petition the present winter for the admission of the Territory as a State.

The interchange of Christmas presents in many cases means the giving something you can't afford in return for something you don't want.

MARKET NOTES.

NEW YORK MARKET.

The Wholesale New York market quotations show:

Beans—Prime $3.70@$3.75; fair to good, $2.65@$2.70 per bushel.

Butter — New York sold at 35@37c. for choice in pails, and 30@33c. common to good. Western sold at 43@44c. and the common Western at 18@21c.

Cheese — Factory fancy, 13c.@13½c. do. fair to good, 9@10c.

Eggs—Quotations ranged from 28c. for ordinary, to 33c. for New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Flour—Superfine, $3.30@$3.75; Western, $4.45@$7.40; extra New York, $3.80@$6.00.

Hay—Shipping, 60@65c.; clover, 60@75c. salt, 65c.; straw, 50@55c.

Hops—New York, 90c@94c; Eastern, 80@90c.; yearlings, 80@90c.; olds, —@—.

Petroleum — Refined, 7½c.; crude, 6¼@7¾c. in bulk; in barrels, 8⅜c.; naphtha, 6⅞c. in shipping order, and 11¼@12⅜c. in cases.

Pork — New mess, $18.10@$18.20; dressed hogs, 8¼@8½c.

Wheat—Spring No. 3, ——@97½c; Milwaukee, No. 2, $1.36; amber, $1.32@$1.40; white, 87½c@$1.07½.

Rye—State, 69@71c.

Wool—Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia, xxx, 45@46c.; xx, 42@45c.; x, 42@43c.; No. 1, 45@47c.; No. 2, 38@40c.; common, 33@35c.; New York and Western xx and x, 39@45½c.; No. 1, 44@45c.

PHILADELPHIA MARKET.

Flour — State family, ——@$4.75 rye flour, $3.75@$3.87½; wheat, State, $—@$1.13; amber, $1.43; corn, yellow, 81c.; mixed State, 84c.

Petroleum—Refined, 7¾c.; crude, 6¼c.

Wool—State and Western xx, 46@50c.; x, 47@48c.; medium, 50@51c.; coarse, 45c.

BOSTON MARKET.

Flour—From $3.50@$3.75 for low and medium, to $4.75@$6.00 for choice Minnesota.

Corn, 80@84c. for mixed and yellow.

Butter — Common, 25@28c. Vermont dairy, 29@33c.; choice creamery, 37@42c.

Cheese—12¾@13½c.

Beans—$3.00@$3.50.

Hay—Choice, $17@$18.

CATTLE MARKETS.

Buffalo — Cattle, good quality, $5.50@$5.75; hogs, fair to good, $6.45@$6.60; best, $6.75.

East Liberty, Penn.—Best cattle, $5.75@$6.25; medium to good, $4.50@$5.50; common to fair, $3.00@$4.25; Hogs, Yorkers, $6.25@$6.45; Philadelphias, $6.60@$6.80. Sheep, $3.50@$4.75.

Watertown, Mass.—Cattle, choice, $——@$10.00; extra, $9.00@$9.50; first quality, $7.50@$8.00; second quality, $5.00@$7.00; third quality, $4.25@$4.50. Sheep and lambs —wool sheep, $2.50@$4.50; extra, $4.75@$5.25; spring lambs, 4¼@5½c. Veal calves, 3@7½c.

THE JOLLY FIRE LADDIE.

How He is Stretched Out to Make Him Tall Enough—Filling Up and Thinning Down.

In New York City, applicants have to pass an examination before their names are placed on the list for places. Of every thousand so examined, at least eight hundred are refused for physical reasons. "Obesity is a good cause for rejection, but in regard to deficiency in weight, if the cause is of a temporary nature, the applicant is entitled to another examination. Many aspirants go into training under direction of physicians before application is made to the board at all, and the points they generally study and train for, are weight, chest measurement, and height. A physician who is in that particular line says he has had scores of young men in training for positions the past few years. Some of them were perfectly healthy, and a little management and perseverance so altered their physiques that they became model firemen. Others could not qualify with all the training in the world. If the man is lean, he is fed on oat-meal mush and milk, and kept at rest, so that no flesh is lost in exercise. He sleeps and laughs much during the period of training, and avoids everything that tends to worry his mind. If he has a scolding wife, he induces his mother-in-law to take her on a visit, and pretends that it is for her health, instead of his own. The chest can be enlarged by proper exercise and observing prescribed rules. The fat man is reduced to regulation weight by exercise, careful dieting, or starvation, if necessary. What little he does eat is of a kind that runs to muscle rather than fat. The queerest thing about the trainer's ingenuity is that short men are made a trifle longer by certain painful methods of elongation. His hands and feet are secured to movable beams and the screws put in motion until the subject is drawn out to the greatest length his courage will endure, and he is kept so until he begs for mercy. This process is gone through every day, until nearly an inch is added to his length. It is a question whether he retains this extra height. Many hold that he will in time settle down to his old size, while some trainers claim that the elongation is permanent. Just before examination the sinister applicant fills himself with water, and goes before the board with several extra pounds of fictitious and deceptive weight. Sleep will naturally add to length, breadth and thickness, and will give a man a vigorous appearance that he does not wear later in the day. An unsuccessful applicant states that he had gained eight pounds before the first examination and twenty on the second, much of the latter weight being fictitiously added by drinking twenty glasses of water, according to his statement. The department is dead set against any improper methods of altering the physique, and detection bars them from examination, while the medical examiners are so versed in their business that it is not an easy matter to deceive them, and the applicant has disappointment for his reward.

[New Haven (Conn.) Union.]

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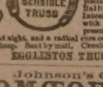

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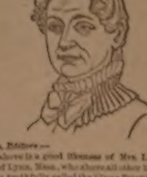

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